

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 229

By Burchett

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Beverly Mulholland for generously donating her kidney to Thomas Strickland.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause to recognize those citizens who willingly sacrifice their personal concerns to ensure a better life for others, distinguishing themselves of community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such extraordinary individual is Beverly Mulholland, who recently volunteered to donate one of her kidneys to Knox County Commission Chair Thomas “Tank” Strickland; and

WHEREAS, though Ms. Mulholland did not previously know Mr. Strickland, she personally knew of him, as they are members of the same church congregation; she overheard Mr. Strickland telling someone at a church event about his needed kidney transplant; and

WHEREAS, displaying uncommon selflessness, Beverly Mulholland asked Mr. Strickland if she would be a good donor; and

WHEREAS, Tank Strickland gave her the business card of a woman at the donor section of the University of Tennessee Medical Center; Ms. Mulholland set up an appointment right away, was tested to check her compatibility and cross-match her to Mr. Strickland, and later discovered she was a match; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Strickland is overwhelmed and thankful for Ms. Mulholland’s exemplary generosity, calling her a wonderful, great, and godly woman; and

WHEREAS, he has been on the transplant list since August of 2008 and has been on dialysis three times each week, losing ninety pounds in preparation for the surgery; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mulholland says she believes God put her in the right place at the right time, and she is excited by this opportunity to help a fellow citizen; her friends and family are supportive, and her employers have agreed to let her take time off to undergo the procedure; and

WHEREAS, the surgery is scheduled for March 27 and, while Beverly Mulholland understands it will be an ordeal, she understands that her sacrifice will greatly improve the life of another person; and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Commission is planning a prayer meeting before Tank Strickland goes into the hospital, the idea of Commissioner Tony Norman, who states that the commission plans to honor Ms. Mulholland on a specified day as well; and

WHEREAS, Beverly Mulholland is an exemplary public servant and a compassionate and selfless individual who brings great pride to the State of Tennessee, and she should be specially honored for her generous act; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize Beverly Mulholland for her outstanding dedication to the well-being of others and applaud her for donating one of her kidneys to Commissioner Thomas Strickland.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend our best wishes for the full recovery of Ms. Mulholland and Mr. Strickland after this inspirational surgery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.